

## AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Clubs are advised the Annual General Meeting for 2016 will be held in conjunction with the New Zealand Orienteering Championships

**Saturday 26 March 2016, 5.00pm**  
**Venue: Lake Rotoiti Hall, St Arnaud**

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Apologies and Recording of Proxies
4. Declaration of items of General Business
5. Confirmation of Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting
6. Matters arising from the Minutes
7. Presentation and adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
8. Election of Officers: President  
Vice-President
9. General Business  
Resolution and Remits as detailed on the following pages.
10. Closure of AGM

## **Resolution 1**

### **Notice of alteration to rules of New Zealand Orienteering Federation incorporated to be considered at the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.**

That the name of the Federation be changed to : Orienteering New Zealand Incorporated.

That the Federation adopts a new constitution in place of the existing constitution, the new constitution identified on the cover page by the words: "Constitution of Orienteering New Zealand Incorporated- March 2016"

Explanation: The change of name and new rules reflect the rules update process which has been progressed by the General Manager and Executive Committee through 2015.

Process: Approval of the alteration of name and the adoption of the new constitution require a two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting.

Tabled by the ONZ Council



## Remit 1

### Athlete Contribution for International Competitions

That in the introduction of an athlete contribution "fee" for athletes competing at the World Orienteering Championships (WOC), the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC), the Southern Cross Challenge, and Australia-New Zealand Schools Test Matches it be reaffirmed that

- (1) for WOC and JWOC, Orienteering New Zealand will continue to pay all entry and accreditation fees for athletes and officials;
- (2) when an athlete contribution "fee" for one of the above events is announced the anticipated budget for the event is made publically available on the ONZ website;
- (3) within 2 months of the event the full accounts for the event are made publically available on the ONZ website;
- (4) should the actual cost per athlete be less than the athlete contribution "fee" then refunds of the difference will be made in timely fashion.

#### Background

The introduction of an athlete contribution "fee" for WOC, JWOC and schools competitions in Australia was announced in November 2015. The stated purpose of this was to provide athletes interested in representing New Zealand in these competitions an estimate of the cost (excluding airfares) that would be incurred. However, the manner in which the contribution "fee" has been announced has caused considerable uncertainty among both potential athletes and, in the case of schools teams, their parents. This has partly been due to the fact that rather than being presented as an "estimated cost" the emphasis has been put on it being a "fee". No serious sport charges its athletes to represent New Zealand. Additionally, no justification has been presented for the estimated costs for events other than that these are based on actual costs over the last 5 years. No account has been taken of the fact that over this period costs for both WOC and JWOC have been substantially inflated by late appointment of officials that means that bookings of accommodation and event transport are at premium rates. There is also no explicit mention of the fact that ONZ remain committed to payment of entry and accreditation fees for WOC and JWOC as has been the case for many years.

The purpose of this remit is therefore to explicitly clarify what the athlete contribution is for, and to provide transparency in both the setting of these amounts and the final accounting.

Tabled by the Wellington, North West and PAPO Orienteering Clubs

#### Clarification:

We have had feedback from a few clubs (through a remit to be heard at the AGM), that there is still some misapprehension over the wording of [Policy G6 International Team Funding](#). Whilst we will work through this at the AGM with members and clubs, we wish to reassure all athletes contemplating trialling or being selected for approved international events, that ONZ will pay their entry and accreditation fees. This also applies to accreditation fees for appointed staff.



## Remit 2

### Grades for New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Events

That ONZ stipulate that the grades for New Zealand Secondary School events be as follows:

	Championship	Standard	Novice	Winning times <sup>#</sup>	Relays
Year 7/8	<b>Yellow</b>	White		25-30 mins	White
Junior	<b>Orange</b> (short)	<b>Yellow</b>		30-35 mins	<b>Yellow</b> (short)
Intermediate	<b>Orange</b> (long)	<b>Yellow</b> (long)		35-40 mins	<b>Yellow</b> (long)
Senior	<b>Red</b>	<b>Orange</b> (long)	<b>Yellow</b>	40-45 mins	<b>Orange</b>

*# same winning time for both Champ and Standard grade but different length courses.*

#### Reasons for Change

- The current system has outgrown its usefulness and has done so for a few years now.
- The numbers attending the major school events has increased significantly from 10 years ago.
- Many more of these juniors are now club members and compete on a regular basis. Even the school kids who aren't Club members tend to compete more often at club events than in the past, so everyone's skills are developing at a much faster rate than previously.
- The sport has a much higher profile now than it used to.
- Orange is a very important stage in the development of a junior's orienteering skills - much more important than yellow (where they can come to grips with the skills required reasonably fast) Commonly yellow courses tend to be set a little on the easy side, which results in juniors sometimes running very simple courses.
- The NZSS trials are now held separately to the NZSS Champs as part of the Club competition. In 2015 Junior and Intermediate Grades were orange and it seems a retrograde step to drop back a level for the main school competitions.
- Juniors in the NZ Schools team compete at orange level in Australia.
- There have been several instances of juniors 'running up grades' because they are seeking to run on a more difficult course than yellow but in doing so they miss the chance to win a NZ/NI/SI title.
- Year 7/8 champs grade is run on yellow courses and most competitors would have grasped yellow after a year and therefore moving up a grade when they become Juniors is very appropriate. As well, with grades as they are currently, anyone who has competed as both a Yr 7 and Yr 8 and has a DOB early in the New Year could then spend two years running yellow Junior Champs courses making it 4 years in a row. It's hardly going to make them enthusiastic about attending when there's no real challenge.
- Relay courses for Juniors are white courses. This means that potential orange/red club competitors run yellow in the individual competitions and then run at an even lower level for relays. Surely this is hugely discouraging for the experienced orienteers and is still too easy for even the newer junior orienteers.



- There are issues also with the Standard competition. Currently Standard courses are set as the next lowest age groups championship course i.e. Seniors on Standard courses run Intermediate championship courses. This can cause issues as many Standard grade competitors don't have the experience to run a Championship course. Their time taken to complete a course can be significantly longer than estimated and this group would be better served by a specific Standard and/or shortened courses
- Consideration also need to be given to newcomers competing in secondary school events to ensure they are encouraged to continue and ultimately to join Clubs and improve their skills. However, this should not be at the expense of students with more experience who are already in the Club system i.e. systems shouldn't cater for the least experienced otherwise we are in danger of supporting mediocrity.

### **Consultation**

Consultation on this topic has occurred by way of discussion with:

- a group of people involved with AKSS orienteering in October 2014
- Orienteering New Zealand Heads of Committee's group in November 2015
- a group interested and involved in Junior Development held in Auckland in December 2015
- a similar grade system was also successfully used for an AKSS event in 2015.

Tabled by North West Orienteering Club

